



REMARKS

In the November 30, 2004 Office action, the Examiner has requested Applicants to file a terminal disclaimer in response to a provisional double patenting rejection over copending Application No. 10/678,474.

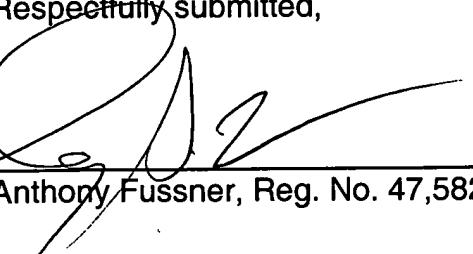
On January 31, 2005, Applicants' undersigned attorney participated in a telephone conference with the Examiner. During this telephone conference, the Examiner agreed to make of record in the present application U.S. Patent No. 4,498,646 to Proksch and U.S. Patent No. 5,875,998 to Gleine (both of which were recently cited in copending Application No. 10/678,474). The Examiner also agreed to hold the requirement for a terminal disclaimer in abeyance at least until the Examiner has considered the relevance, if any, of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,498,646 and 5,875,998 to the present application and issued another Office action regarding the same.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due with this filing. But the Patent Office is hereby authorized, however, to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees or to credit any overpayments thereto.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned directly at (314) 726-7502.

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